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PROPOSED VISIT FO DOE OIL SHALE TEAM

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1. IN ORDER TO PINPOINT SPECIFIC INFO REQUESTED REFTEL, E/C COUNSELOR RAISED MAIN POINTS WITH SAADI'S CHEF DE CABINET M'HAMEDI MAY 26 (THUS INSURING SAADI HIMSELF WOULD BE INFORMED) AND THEN HAD FOLLOW-UP MEETING JUNE 1 WITH MINISTRY'S SEC GEN TAIEB SKALLI TO HEAR REACTIONS. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES SKALLI'S RESPONSES AND EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS RE PROPOSED DOE TEAM VISIT, WHICH SKALLI PREFERS COME AHEAD OF PROPOSED AID TEAM VISIT. SEPTELS FOLLOW ON AID TEAM VISIT AND OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL.

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2. SKALLI ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED DOE OFFER OF TECHNICAL OIL-SHALE TEAM. E/C COUNSELOR WAS CAREFUL TO STRESS THAT TEAM WOULD HAVE A PRIMARILY TECHNICAL FOCUS, AND THAT AT THIS POINT INDIVIDUAL PROJECT FORMULATION AND FINANCING WAS BEYOND DOE TEAM'S TERMS OF REFERENCE. LATTER ISSUES, HOWEVER, COULD BE FOLDED INTO PROPOSED AID TEAM'S VISIT. SKALLI QUICKLY REJOINED THAT SAADI AND REST OF MINISTRY

WERE ANXIOUS TO OPEN UP DIRECT TECHNICAL DIALOGUE WITH DOE ON MOROCCAN OIL-SHALLE POTENTIAL. SAADI WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HAVING U.S. SPECIALISTS REVIEW (A) STATE OF GOM'S ANALYSIS AND THINKING RE TIMAHDIT DEPOSITS, (B) PREFERRED TECHNOLOGIES TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR TIMAHDIT PILOT PLANT, AND (C) SUGGESTIONS ON STRATEGY FOR EVALUATING TARFAYA DEPOSITS, WHERE ANALYTICAL WORK IS FAR LESS ADVANCED. ASKED WHEN TEAM SHOULD CONSIDER COMING TO MOROCCO, SKALLI SAID THE SOONER THE BETTER, PREFERABLY DURING SECOND HALF OF JUNE. MONTH OF JULY WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR SAADI AND AUGUST IS RAMADAN CUM HOLIDAY PERIOD. TEAM COULD EXPECT TO REMAIN FOR FULL WORKING WEEK, DURING WHICH THERE WOULD BE POSSIBILITY FOR VISITING DEPOSIT SITES, IF TEAM DESIRED. IN SKALLI'S VIEW, DOE TEAM SHOULD PRECEDE AID TEAM, SO THAT LATTER CAN DRAW AS REQUIRED ON FORMER'S CONCLUSIONS. IN ANY CASE, SKALLI WAS EMPHATIC IN NOT WISHING TO LOSE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE DOE TEAM VISIT MOROCCO IN SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT CAPACITY.

3. COMMENT: SKALLI'S RESPONSE WAS TO BE EXPECTED, GIVEN SAADI'S PROFESSIONAL AND POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPING MOROCCO'S OIL-SHALE DEPOSITS. WE ALSO THINK MINISTRY IS ANXIOUS TO BUILD AN ONGOING INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH DOE ON ENERGY MATTERS IN GENERAL, AND OIL-SHALE SPECIFICALLY. ASIDE FROM ITS TECHNICAL VALUE, DOE TEAM'S VISIT WILL HAVE MUCH NEEDED ADVANTAGE OF DEMONSTRATING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.S. WILLINGNESS TO BE RESPONSIVE IN AN AREA OF HIGH INTEREST TO GOM. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND FAVORABLE DOE ACTION.

4. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE, EMBASSY RECEIVED TELEX FROM TOSCO CORPORATION NOTING THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO U.S., SAADI HAD ASKED COMPANY TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR A QUOTE MINIMUM UNQUOTE PROGRAM TO TEST FEASIBILITY OF TARFAYA DEPOSITS. ALTHOUGH TOSCO HAS NOT YET RECEIVED MINISTRY'S RESPONSE TO ITS REPLY, COMPANY STATES IT IS ALSO AWARE OF PROPOSED DOE TEAM VISIT. TOSCO OFFICIAL GOES ON TO SAY THAT MOROCCAN E/C COUNSELOR BENJELLOUN BELIEVES THAT DOE MIGHT ASK TOSCO REP TO PARTICIAPTE. EMBASSY IS RESPONDIIIG TO TOSCO THAT IT SHOULD TAKE UP MATTER DIRECTLY WITH DOE. END COMMENT.

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